- 5. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section 124.
 - 6. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
 - (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.
- 7. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon her of the Accusation, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 3964.
 - 8. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:
 - (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent.
- 9. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on the relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this matter, as well as taking official notice of all the investigatory reports, exhibits and statements contained therein on file at the Board's offices regarding the allegations contained in Accusation No. 3964, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 3964, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.
- 10. Taking official notice of its own internal records, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3, it is hereby determined that the reasonable costs for Investigation and Enforcement is \$1,085.00 as of September 16, 2011.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

- 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Carol Ann Dunn has subjected her Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 34054 to discipline.
 - 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED that Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 34054, heretofore issued to Respondent Carol Ann Dunn, is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on January 11, 2012.

It is so ORDERED December 12, 2011.

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STANLEY C. WEISSER, BOARD PRESIDENT FOR THE BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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Exhibit A: Accusation

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Accusation

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8	BOARD OF PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS	
9	STATE OF CALIFORNIA	
10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 3964
11	CAROL ANN DUNN	
12	160 Shady Lane Boulder Creek, CA 95006	ACCUSATION
13	Pharmacy Technician License No. TCH 34054	
14	Respondent.	
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17	Complainant alleges:	
18	<u>PARTIES</u>	
19	1. Virginia Herold (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity	
20	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs.	
21	2. On or about July 28, 2000, the Board of Pharmacy issued Pharmacy Technician	
22	License Number TCH 34054 to Carol Ann Dunn (Respondent). The Pharmacy Technician	
23	License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will	
24	expire on November 30, 2011, unless renewed.	
25	<u>JURISDICTION</u>	
26	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Pharmacy (Board), Department of	
27	Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the	
28	Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.	

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4. Section 4011 of the Code provides that the Board shall administer and enforce both the Pharmacy Law [Bus. & Prof. Code, § 4000 et seq.] and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act [Health & Safety Code, § 11000 et seq.].

- 5. Section 4300(a) of the Code provides that every license issued by the Board may be suspended or revoked.
- 6. Section 118(b) of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the suspension, expiration, surrender, or cancellation of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated. Section 4402(a) of the Code provides that any pharmacist license that is not renewed within three years following its expiration may not be renewed, restored, or reinstated and shall be canceled by operation of law at the end of the three-year period. Section 4402(e) of the Code provides that any other license issued by the Board may be canceled by the Board if not renewed within 60 days after its expiration, and any license canceled in this fashion may not be reissued but will instead require a new application to seek reissuance.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 7. Section 4301 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of "unprofessional conduct," defined to include, but not be limited to, any of the following:
- (h) The administering to oneself, of any controlled substance, or the use of any dangerous drug or alcoholic beverage to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to oneself, to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that the use impairs the ability of the person to conduct with safety to the public the practice authorized by the license.
- (j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, of any other state, or of the United States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.
- (o) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate any provision or term of this chapter or of the applicable federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by the board or by any other state or federal regulatory agency.

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- 8. Section 4060 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that no person shall possess any controlled substance, except that furnished upon a valid prescription/drug order.
- 9. Health and Safety Code section 11170 provides that no person shall prescribe, administer, or furnish a controlled substance for himself or herself.
- 11. Health and Safety Code section 11377, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful to possess any controlled substance in Schedule II, subdivision (d), without a prescription.
- 12. Health and Safety Code section 11550, in pertinent part, makes it unlawful for any person to use or be under the influence of any controlled substance in Schedule II (Health and Safety Code section 11055), subdivision (d)(1) or (d)(2), or any narcotic drug in Schedules III-V, except when administered by or under the direction of an authorized licensee.
- 13. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed its reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES / DANGEROUS DRUGS

14. Section 4021 of the Code states:

"'Controlled substance' means any substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code."

15. Section 4022 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

"'Dangerous drug' or 'dangerous device' means any drug or device unsafe for self use, except veterinary drugs that are labeled as such, and includes the following:

- "(a) Any drug that bears the legend: 'Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription,' 'Rx only,' or words of similar import.
- "(c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006.
- 16. **Methamphetamine** is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055(d)(2) and a dangerous drug as designated by Business and Professions Code section 4022. It is a stimulant drug.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

17. On or about August 2, 2010, Respondent was contacted in her residence by officers from the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office who had received a tip that Respondent was selling **methamphetamine**. Respondent exhibited signs of being under the influence of a controlled substance. After initially denying it, Respondent admitted to having used **methamphetamine** earlier in the day. Her urine also tested positive for **methamphetamine**. A search of her purse discovered a bindle of **methamphetamine** weighing approximately 0.5 grams.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Self-Administration of Controlled Substance)

18. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(h) of the Code, in that Respondent, as described in paragraph 17 above, self-administered **methamphetamine**, a controlled substance, on or about August 2, 2010.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Possession of Controlled Substance)

19. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o) and/or section 4060 of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section 11377 in that Respondent, as described in paragraph 17 above, possessed, conspired to possess, and/or assisted in or abetted possession of **methamphetamine**, a controlled substance, without a prescription.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Self-Administration/Use of Controlled Substance)

21. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301(j) and/or (o) of the Code, and/or Health and Safety Code section(s) 11170 and/or 11550, in that Respondent, as described in paragraph 17 above, self-administered/used, conspired to self-administer/use, and/or assisted in/abetted self-administration/use of a controlled substance, without prescription.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct)

22. Respondent is subject to discipline under section 4301 of the Code in that Respondent, as described in paragraphs 17-21 above, engaged in unprofessional conduct.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Pharmacy issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Pharmacy Technician License Number TCH 34054, issued to Carol Ann Dunn (Respondent);
- 2. Ordering Respondent to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
 - 3. Taking such other and further action as is deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 7/14/11

VIRGINIA HEROLD

Executive Officer Board of Pharmacy

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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